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TO: Airport Tenants

FR: Cynthia Stewart, Airport Manager

RE: Airport Conditions

We are working very hard to remedy our current limitations, and I want to keep you informed as much up-to-the-minute as possible. Here is what we now know based on the work done this morning by FAA and pavement consultants. Our objective is to allow you to get some of your larger aircraft out immediately, and to make the runways viable for all activity as quickly as we can.

- The south 5000 feet of Runway 13R/31L that was opened earlier for only up to 12,500 pound aircraft has now been increased to use by aircraft up to 30,000 pounds.
- We will be testing strength for use by larger aircraft later today by towing a B-727 or similar size plane along the length of the currently available runway; if that test does not result in pavement failures, then we will increase the weight limit on the south 5000 feet to the weight of the plane we were able to use for the test.
- We will be filling the transverse cracks on the short runway, 13L/31R, and reestablishing the profile and grade; and we expect to have that runway open for use by small aircraft (below 12,500 pounds) within two days. We will also be working during that interim two days on additional surveying of the taxiways.
- There will be work to design and begin filling the cracks and voids in the damaged portion of the long runway, the north half of Runway 13R/31L, beginning within two days. We are optimistic that we can put 1000-foot increments of additional pavement into use beginning within two to three weeks. (No guarantees; more details as the project progresses).

As I wrote before, please, PLEASE, until further notice, try to refrain from pressuring our reception staff and ARFF officers, who cannot provide any additional information at this time, and do not request that the Tower give you an exception to these weight restrictions. **THE RESTRICTIONS ARE FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUR AIRCRAFT AND TO**



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PREVENT DAMAGE THAT WILL PUT THE ENTIRE FACILITY OUT OF COMMISSION.

There will be a **TENANT MEETING** at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, and a tour of the field. Please meet in the lobby of the Terminal Building at 9:00 a.m. if you would like to participate. Whether or not you attend the tour, we encourage your participation in the meeting.

We will continue to be in contact via telephone and fax as soon as additional information is available. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 206-296-7380 (Airport receptionists can reach me at any time).

Thank you again for your patience during this very difficult time.